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450108-3249.3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tetsujiro KONDO et al.
Serial No. : 10/005,029
Filed : December 3, 2001
For : PICTURE ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD
Examiner : Mark E. Wallerson
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	62	Minus	= 62	0 x	\$18(9)	= \$00.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	= 3	0 x	\$86(43)	= 00.00
				Total additional fee for this amendment		\$00.00

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☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid __, or is paid herewith __.

☐ This response is being filed within the ____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ____-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$__ is attached.

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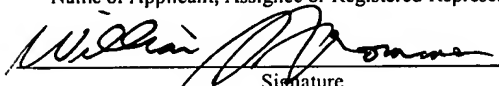
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows: